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## THE GERMAN INVASION.

The Germans are preparing to invade Canada in force. They are trying to keep it secret. Other countries are willing that they should know about their coming. The cabinet are allowed to inform us that they are enlisting men, laying plans of conquest and making ready to start off the campaign by firing a whole host of established newspapers. Among us. In short, it is an invasion by commercial travellers, not by soldiers, bent on the peaceful mission of trying to trade with our country. It is much of what German wants. No doubt they will bring along cases and trunks of arms and ammunition and keener of formidable forces. The invasion will be for sale, not for slaughter. The most sanguinary aim of the invaders will be to kill off the trade which comes from other countries. They have established with us, from which killing proceeds we should reap the advantage in lower prices, better quality, or greater choice. The invasion is the result of the new trade arrangement between Canada and Germany by which the extra restrictions are taken off and the two peoples allowed to trade with each other if they wish to do so, though still under the handicap of the maximum tariff. To Canadians generally the invasion will be welcome. This for two reasons. Canada finds it necessary to import large quantities of such goods as Germany produces, and every new competitor who is introduced into the market is to our advantage. And Germany has to import from other countries large quantities of produce which Canada produces in surplus and can produce in larger surplus. There are in these two countries the basis for establishing an exchange of commodities mutually advantageous to both parties. From Canada's standpoint there is the further consideration that the more trade Germany is to get into the Canadian market the more anxious the United States will be to retain foreign trade. The more active the German trade agents during the next few months the less likely is President Taft to get another handicap in the way of trade between his country and Germany. It is quite possible that the arrangement with Germany was timed for its effect on the chief executive of the neighboring Republic and intended to indicate to him that Canada is not likely to worry about his course as much as he may have to worry about it himself.

Lord Bessborough many years ago said something about the deceptive character of statistics. His remark is likely to occur to any one who reads the monthly report of the Department of Trade and Commerce for the winter, dealing with the trade between Canada and Germany in 1909. A man who does not study Government Reports, asked about the matter would probably guess that the largest item in our exports to Germany would be agricultural products and the smallest, machinery. But from the statistics machinery was the largest item in our exports trade with that country and agricultural products made a rather poor second. More surprising still is it to find that Germany exported to Canada more animal and vegetable products, food stuffs, etc., than Canada exported to Germany. Taken from these facts alone a stranger would conclude that Canada was the manufacturing country and Germany an agricultural country. But he would be sadly in error. Germany imports annually enormous quantities of the food stuffs which Canada produces in ever increasing quantity. Canada imports every year a large amount of such manufactured goods as Germany is making. That the statistics in these points for the year 1909 seem to indicate the contrary is because statistics are deceptive things. The unexpected decline in due to occasional circumstances and to conditions which in themselves disprove the truth of the general conclusion which might be

drawn from it. The man who wants an article buys it where he can get it at the time he wants it, and if that happens to be from a man who ordinarily buys that particular article from other the statistics of the transaction would give a wholly wrong impression of the normal course of trade between the two. The same holds true in the interchange of articles of commerce between nations. Our imports from Germany, too, include a large amount of goods manufactured from animals or animal products, some of the raw material for which may have come originally from our own ranches or farms. The difference in the case is that we will now be able to buy such goods for less money.

This invasion is a sign of the times in things commercial. It shows the course of our national policy in trade matters. That is precisely the revenue of what was once called our "national policy," and whose chief accomplishment seems to have been to keep us from attaining national status or consequences or consequences among the nations. We are not now shutting our doors to the world and saying we do not want to do business with anyone outside our borders. Instead, we are opening them to whoever is willing to open their doors to us, and trade with us on as favorable terms. There have been two general revisions of the tariff since the Laurier Government came into power, both downward. But there have been only revisions of the tariff. The tariff of the British preference was a tariff revision. The conclusion of the Free trade treaty with Germany was the annulment of the extra restrictions on trade with Germany was a tariff revision. The conclusion of a trade treaty with Germany which there is every reason to hope for and expect, would be another revision. A trade treaty with Italy would be another revision. Two years ago the tariff was asked for and was given by Parliament power to reduce the tariff in respect to any country which is willing to grant certain concessions in the ultimate exercise of that power must be to lower the tariff all around. Each new country which makes a trade treaty with us thereby makes it to the advantage of some other country or countries to make similar treaties with us. The process is slower than a general cut of the tariff schedule, but the trend is the same and the process is not accompanied by the shocks and jolts which would result from a sharp reduction of the general tariff schedule. Because German goods may now enter Canada at a lower rate and because Canadian goods may enter Germany at a lower rate, there is given an inducement to people of both countries to make trade arrangements and to develop business with each other. This makes it to the interest of British merchants to redouble their efforts to extend operations in Canada. It should excite the American manufacturer in a crusade for lower duties against Canadian goods, for through that avenue lies his hope of lower duties against his goods when they come into Canada. The Canadian tariff is being used today not to enable a small group of Canadians to swell their fellow countrymen, but to mean of bringing pressure to bear on other countries to give lower duties in return for lower duties, so the end that our markets abroad may be increased and that the prices of manufactured goods in Canada may be reduced. The German invasion proves again the success of the policy.

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The medical health officer finds that powder has been blowing down the river above the intake for the city's water supply. This is a matter which should be looked into closely and frequently, and officers should be furnished in proportion to the serious character of the offence. Only this will preserve the purity of the water supply until some other water supply is found or until the intake is moved farther upstream. One or other of those must be done some time and probably before many years. Measure must be taken to prevent the water on the part of the officials is the price of safety.

## THE COST OF LIVING

Wages, it is said, are coming stationary in most occupations in Canada, while the cost of living is constantly increasing. Prices in Edmonton, however, are close touch with the world's markets by three railways, must be subject to the variations experienced elsewhere, and due to no peculiar local conditions, but to economic causes of world-wide effect. Wages are governed by the law of supply and demand.

If the unit of the average family be taken as the unit of income necessary to permit of a reasonable existence in the city, the average family in Edmonton whose income is \$700 a year, is probably not much more than an average wage. How far this amount of money goes is towards providing a comfortable living for five persons? Can anything be saved out of it, or will the family provider have to cut down home-keeping expenses to make both ends meet?

Real and land values in Edmonton have risen tremendously in the last few years. The house which was to be had a short time ago at \$15 to \$20 a month now rents for \$25 to \$35. This means an annual increase of about \$125 a year. Can the \$700-earner now afford to pay this increase? Can he take full advantage to devote to his house rent? Of course he cannot, but what is to be done? He must find cheaper quarters, by going farther away from the centre of the city where land values are not so high, or he must find a home for himself and family, say at \$15 a month.

Next, the food question. Practical workers who made careful calculations state that fifty per cent. of the wages of a man who earns \$500 a year must be set aside for household living. In other words 50 cents a day must be set aside for the family's food. This means to feed five mouths three times a day. This means a provision of about six and a half cents for each person a day, and this allowance of \$300 a year is not to be exceeded. The budget of \$300 a year, paid at 15 cents a week, is a hard budget, but it is a budget. The annulment of the extra restrictions on trade with Germany was a tariff revision. The conclusion of a trade treaty with Germany which there is every reason to hope for and expect, would be another revision. A trade treaty with Italy would be another revision. Two years ago the tariff was asked for and was given by Parliament power to reduce the tariff in respect to any country which is willing to grant certain concessions in the ultimate exercise of that power must be to lower the tariff all around. Each new country which makes a trade treaty with us thereby makes it to the advantage of some other country or countries to make similar treaties with us. The process is slower than a general cut of the tariff schedule, but the trend is the same and the process is not accompanied by the shocks and jolts which would result from a sharp reduction of the general tariff schedule. Because German goods may now enter Canada at a lower rate and because Canadian goods may enter Germany at a lower rate, there is given an inducement to people of both countries to make trade arrangements and to develop business with each other. This makes it to the interest of British merchants to redouble their efforts to extend operations in Canada. It should excite the American manufacturer in a crusade for lower duties against Canadian goods, for through that avenue lies his hope of lower duties against his goods when they come into Canada. The Canadian tariff is being used today not to enable a small group of Canadians to swell their fellow countrymen, but to mean of bringing pressure to bear on other countries to give lower duties in return for lower duties, so the end that our markets abroad may be increased and that the prices of manufactured goods in Canada may be reduced. The German invasion proves again the success of the policy.

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The annual expense is that:

Housing..... \$216.00  
Food..... 300.00  
Clothing..... 100.00  
Fuel and Light..... 80.00

Total..... \$702.00

A deficit of \$12 and no allowance made for extras, and are we with in our household? No provision is made for the time when the father may be laid off; doctors bills, water taxes, and necessary other outgoings are provided for. Recreation or amusement like these is nothing to be reckoned for by a busy day.

The problem of reducing the cost of living is a serious one. How is it to be done? Lower rents mean poorer housing—unsanitary conditions, or lodgers and overcrowding. A reduction in the cost of foodstuffs means under-feeding and malnourished children.

If the children are driven out to work instead of being sent to school, undetermined health and ignorance in years of maturity is almost sure to follow. This is the problem of the steady, straight-living wage earner whose income is \$700 a year—that of the class whose earnings go for tobacco and drink. And the class of workmen who receive \$700 and live annually a much the largest is most American cities.

The man who receives from \$500 to \$750 a year is possibly a hard part to make ends meet as his \$700 budget, but his outlook is not so bleak as the latter. It may be equally difficult, but he does not have to face the necessity of child labor, civil unrest, and unwholesome food.

The report of the Russell Sage Foundation on the cost of living based on 1907 conditions says: "If our standard of living is to be maintained, the family should be asked to expect to live on such an income. The committee believes that with an income of between \$700 and \$800, a family is barely capable of self-protection, it is subject to extraordinary expenditures."

## TENDERS

Tenders are invited for the erection of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, to be sent in on or before noon, Friday, April 1st, to the office of the Architect. Tenders to be accompanied with a marked cheque equal to 10 per cent. of the total bid, which cheque will be forfeited if suitable bonds are not forthcoming. Tenders to be endorsed "Tender for Hospital." The lowest or any tenderer is not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of

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PUBLIC WORKS SHOW RAPID DEVELOPMENT

The Annual Report of the Minister of Provincial Development Gives a Good Idea of the Manner in Which the Province is Growing From Year to Year.

Of the many evidences of the rapid growth Alberta now more conscious is given than can be found in the annual report of the Provincial Minister of Public Works, which has just been tabled in the Provincial Legislature. Alberta is a great province and the public works under construction are of an immense nature, in order to develop all sections of the province, opening up territory. The department has control over roads, bridges, telegraph lines, coal mines and local improvements. The receipts of the year were well over \$1,000,000 and there were taken in local improvement taxes alone a sum well in excess of a quarter million.

The increase and extension of the work of the department still continued in 1909, says the deputy minister. It was largely due to the influx of population, and in view of railway extensions, and the opening up of territory. The department has control over roads, bridges, telegraph lines, coal mines and local improvements. The receipts of the year were well over \$1,000,000 and there were taken in local improvement taxes alone a sum well in excess of a quarter million.

Among the principal bridges were those over the Bow River at Calgary, consisting of four 175 feet steel spans; the bridge over the Red Deer River, at Red Deer, consisting of two 200 feet steel spans; and the bridge over the Old Man River at Macleod, consisting of three 175 feet steel spans, all on concrete.

Some Smaller Bridges. In addition, work was commenced at Calgary on a two 125 feet steel span bridge and reconstruction work was started on the Langdon bridge across the Bow River at Calgary. The old bridge at Red Deer was taken down and a new one erected in newly settled territory, one each being over the Clearwater river, over the James river and over the Beaver river. The following steel bridges on timber substructure might also be mentioned: Two 125 feet spans over Red Deer river at Red Deer; one 100 feet span over the Bow River, west of Red Deer; one 50 foot span over Battle river at the town of Battle; one 135 foot steel span over Battle river, south of Battle. In view of the fact that a large number of small steel bridges were completed on lumber substructure.

Opening up Main Roads. The policy of this department has been to open up and improve main roads, leaving the side roads to the local improvement districts, and many of the latter have taken hold of this task willingly. In construction bulletins has been prepared and will be issued to all interested in the work. Road work should be carried out under practical form, competent to direct the work and demand a day's work for a day's pay.

The Forties in the Province. During the summer 32 forties were operated. Six new forties were installed as follows: One over the Bow river at Dunsmuir; one over the Bow river at 26-27-5; one over the Bow river, north of Chauvin, in 23-24-25; one over the Old Man river, west of Monarch; one over the Bow river, north of Battle; and one over the Bow river, north of Battle. The other forties have been moved to new points owing to the construction of bridges.

Four hundred and eighty-five miles of fire guards were ploughed, which is considerably less than last year, and is evidence that in view of the rapid settlement that the amount of

fire-guarding will gradually decrease.

Good Water. In order to give good water in some settlements where the facilities for such were poor, 27 wells were sunk, and in 17 a fairly good supply was secured. In addition to these, a number of private wells were sunk, where the settlers paid the expense.

Owing to the high steam pressure now being used in steam boilers, the method of construction was raised to a higher standard. A uniform boiler set was agreed upon also for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Coal Mining Increases. Coal mining statistics show a steady increase in the mining industry. The total output of coal for 1909 was 2,174,225 tons, compared with 1,942,000 tons in 1908. This increase was curtailed to some extent by a dispute between the operators and the workmen in the early part of the year.

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Construction Work. In construction work the Parliament Building at Edmonton had been started on with success. The asphalt at Ponoka and the court house at Edmonton are also well advanced. The court house at Fort Saskatchewan and the new building at Lethbridge were completed. Work on the court house at Calgary was also started. The land titles building, the heating building, the automobile telephone substation and the telephone warehouse and office building are all at Calgary.

Telephone Work Done. A large amount of telephone construction work was carried out. The automatic system is giving good satisfaction and will be installed at a number of new points. During the year 535 miles of single wire line, 100 miles of double wire line and 1,640 miles of rural line.

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT AT THE HAT.

March 18-19 Calgary. Lathbridge, Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat are represented at the International Bowling Tournament which opened here today. The games made in the first day's play were as follows:

Medicine Hat, No. 2  
Children's ..... 130  
David ..... 130  
Parks ..... 130  
Stewart ..... 130  
U. Pringle ..... 130

Totals ..... 3,370  
Medicine Hat, No. 1  
Johnson ..... 130  
H. Pringle ..... 130  
Williamson ..... 130  
Gately ..... 130

Total ..... 3,342  
Kimball ..... 130  
Henderson ..... 130  
Gray ..... 130  
Patrick ..... 130

Total ..... 3,342  
Medicine Hat-Finley 30, Drake 45.  
Stewart-Mitchell 45, Brown 45, Led 35, Carson 50, Scott 52, Gray 49, Patrick 45.

Moose Jaw-Wallace 32.  
In the doubles, McMillan and Wallace of Moose Jaw led with 1,820.

BOWLING RECORD AT TORONTO TOURNEY. Toronto, March 18-A new high mark for five new games resulted in the Canadian bowling association tourney to be held in the local hotel, who beat the Scotch Samartines of Detroit, last year's C.B.A. winners.

Waller and Visard, of Detroit, are in the lead in the doubles, with 1,150.

WRESTLING. ZIVZCO TO WRESTLE MAHMOOT. Chicago, March 18-Standards Zivzco, the Polo, and Yussuf Mahmoot, the Turk, will meet the latter part of this month, probably on March 20, in a wrestling match for a purse of \$2,000. The battle will be a hard one, as both have won a number of matches.

THE TURF. JENKINSON VS. NATIONAL. London, March 18-The Grand National steeple chase of 3,000 sovereigns, for the historic course at Ascot, was won today by S. H. Jockeys, 10 to 1, 10 to 5.

GRACK PLAYERS SHOWN. Deacon White has signed Moose Baxter, the Ontario, to play for the International League, for his first base on the Edmonton team. Baxter was drafted from Battle by the team, and was a member of the team for two seasons. Baxter is a giant ball player and weighs 220 pounds.

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